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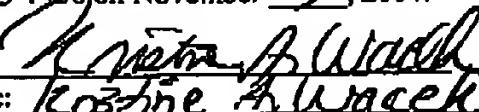
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.48(b), Applicants request deletion of Glenn C. Bolles as an inventor from the above-referenced application because this inventor's invention is no longer being claimed in the application. The fee of \$130.00 required by 37 CFR 1.17(i) should be charged to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

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